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In re the application of: J.G.J. van de Walle

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TREATING MACROPHAGE-MEDIATED DISEASES*

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2000, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. A request for an appropriate extension of time (along with the applicable fee) is also being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

At page 50, line 29 please replace "revealedthe" with -- revealed the --.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 22-25 without prejudice and amend claims 1 and 3 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of selectively reducing the number or activity of macrophages, comprising contacting the macrophages with a macrophage-binding compound comprising (a) an agent which binds to an Fc receptor at a site which is distinct from that

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